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THE breakaway in the Congress at the national level has left a great void in the State units especially in Tamil Nadu. The Moopanar group has chosen to hitch its wagon to the leadership of Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

It is a political gamble which is bound to have far-reaching consequences affecting the destiny of the TNCC as well as welfare of the people of this State.

MISFORTUNE

It is a misfortune that for a State like Tamil Nadu which had forged ahead in the first two decades of Independence to achieve self-sufficiency in the food sector and in the industria level to show economic prosperity should now suffer a setback purely because of the political game being played by the groupist elements in the Congress.

In the existing circumstances, regionalism has come to hold sway upon the masses. Neither the Indian National Congress which has tended to dissipate itself through infighting among its leadership nor the Janata Party will be able to inspired confidence in the people of the State for the kind of guidance they expect.

MOOPANAR'S CLAIM

Rightly speaking, the States would stand to gain political maturity and economic prosperity under a federal system of government provided the political parties heading the government are not swayed by parochial considerations. Unfortunately this has not been so as seen by the sectarian views often expressed by the regional parties like the DMK.

Mr. Karuppiah Moopanar who has already been replaced by Mr. O.V. Alagesan at the State level now claims that a majority of the PCC, the Legislature Congress Party, the DCC's taluk, town and bloc committees of the TNCC are with him to give their support to Mrs. Gandhi. The meeting of the TNCC took place in the absence of Mr. Alagesan and a few members of the PCC who had left for Delhi to attend the Congress Working Committee meeting

PERSONAL LOYALTY

If it is true that the majority in the TNCC are wanting to support Mrs. Gandhi, then it is clear that the Congressmen as such in the State are more concerned with loyalties to persons than in the affairs of the people.

Under the changed circumstances, the regional parties like the AIADMK and the DMK are bound to strengthen their hold on the masses further. The Janata Party which has yet to create a creditable image for itself on the wider national stage, cannot be expected to make much headway in Tamil Nadu politics.

While Mrs. Gandhi may be enthused by this development and the signs of solid support from Tamil Nadu, she has also to contend with the fact that many of her supporters are just upstarts with no mass following behind them. But this has been the style of her functioning. She maintains that power concentrated in her hands and the popularity she weilds are sufficient to keep the Party together.

Yet, it is not going to be easy for her to enforce discipline and

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LESSONS OF FILMOTSAV 78

ONE may not discuss his or her experiences of the now concluding fortnight long festival of non-competitive films from more than 30 countries seen for the first time in Madras with a bitter taste in one's mouth, but the thought that have come to one's mind for making this rare occurrence more worthy of our esteem need to be highlighted.

When throwing open entries for show in the public cinema houses for popular appreciation, it is to be borne in mind that the majority of the fans in our country expect something more than what tingles the flesh—the foreign films have earned a reputation for this kind of high excitement especially when they are said to be free from the Censor's scissors. It does not happen that all the films from abroad meet this requirement and in many instances they were made to suit the tempo of the people in whose country they were made.

Painfully enough, when it happened that the serious type of films advancing the psychological aspect of man were also included for exhibition at some of these theatres, those who had purchased the season tickets at considerable cost were disappointed that they did not get something substantial in return for their investment. Ugly ncidents like the tearing up of seat cushions and destruction of theatre property could have been avoided if a more selective list of films from the lot received only were shown to the public.

Film makers from the South had for the first time the opportunity of entering into detailed discussions and exchange of views from their visiting counterparts from several countries. It was also a new kind of experience to film producers and directors from the foreign countries to meet with the film industry personalities from the Southern States.

British, French and American film makers were profusely pleased that they have been able to have a close look at the cultural and cinematic growth in South India which they felt was admittedly different from what they have been accustomed to meeting in the north of India.

The general consensus was that in future separate film festivals should be held in their own countries restricted to films made in the South and not as part of Indian entries wherein only Hindi films were predominant

One other suggestion is that a particular city in India must be named as the permanent venue for holding international film festivals as being done by Czechoslovakia at Karlovy-vary or Munich in West Germany so as to put an Indian film city on the map of the world.

Although the suggestion is worth of consideration, in a country like ours where diversity is all embracing, there can be no consensus on naming a single Indian city.

Information and Broadcasting Minister L. K. Advani having a chat with the Swedish delegate Aina Bellis at a dinner hosted by him.

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ensure conformity with her policies and actions in the absence of power and patronage which she enjoyed so much while in the seat of the Prime Minister.

As far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, the fortunes and vagaries of the Congress no longer matter to it until the next elections. The support given to Mrs. Gandhi from Tamil Nadu would not better enchance her position as much as the support she receives from those States where elections are due to be held in due course.

Some places of tourist Interest in India

Char Minar (Hyderabad)

DELHI

The capital of the Indian Republic is often the star.ing point of a visit to India. It is a city which phoenix-like has risen many times from its ashes.

There are, today, two Delhis—the old city of the Mughals built by Shah Jahan, the emperor who built the Taj Mahal at Agra, and the new city built by the British in 1931. It is a stimulating juxtaposition of the old and the new. Old Delhi evokes a Mughal ambience and New Delhi has boulevards and imposing office buildings. Both the cities are rich in monuments.

AGRA

Agra, the 'City of the Taj' is 204 km from Delhi. This mausoleum completed in 1653, is the memorial built by Emperor Shah Jahan for his queen, Mumtaz Mahal. Although the Taj dominates the landscape of Agra, the city has many other famous monuments. Thirty seven km away stands Fatehpur Sikri, the imperial capital built by Emperor Akbar in 1569 and later abandoned.

AMRITSAR

City of the "Pool of Nectar", Amritsar is an affirmation of the Sikh faith. The Golden Temple is set in a shimmering pool. A marble causeway leads to this Sikh temple plated in gold.

In the Jallianwala Bagh is a memorial to freedom fighters killed in 1919 under orders by a British general.

BHAKRA

Over 300 km north of Delhi is the site of the highest straight-gravity dam in the world. A giant multipurpose project across the Sutlej, it has become a symbol of India's economic regeneration.

JAIPUR

Called the 'Pink City', Jaipur is an hour's flight or 308 km by train from Delhi. Bounded by 18th century walls, Jaipur has palaces and picturesque people. The men wear bright-coloured turbans and the women great swinging skirts.

KASHMIR

North India is dotted with picturesque Himalayan resorts. Outstanding among them is the Kashmir valley described by the Mughal Emperor Jahangir as a 'paradise on earth.' Jammu and Kashmir's summer capital, Srinagar, lies on the banks of the river Jhelum which is spanned by nine bridges. Srinagar has many charms: excellent accommodation in houseboats moored on the banks of the lakes, a shikara paddle boat ride in the quiet of a moonlit night with the hills rising in the background and a limitless variety of handicrafts. But Srinagar is only the starting point of a holiday in Kashmir.

Snow-capped peaks and the wild majesty of mountains and rocks in and beyond Pahalgam contrast, with the grace of the sophisticated summer and winter resort of Gulmarg, laid out with one of the world's highest golf courses.

KULU AND KANGRA VALLEYS

Twin valleys with an unsophisticated charm. Famous for their apple orchards and dotted with Rajput forts standing on the summits of immense crags, these valleys provide splendid scenery and glimpses of the life of Himachal's hardy peasants. Good treks and ample fishing.

UDAIPUR, CHITTORGARH

Redolent of the glamour and chivalry of ancient Rajasthan. Built on the slopes of green hills, Udaipur is a city of lakes, island-palaces and parks. Chittorgarh with its ruined forts and Victory Tower, recalls a hundred stories of heroism and chivalry.

VARANASI (BENARES)

The holy city of the Hindus, Varanasi is 760 km south-east of Delhi, a living symbol of Hindu religious belief and observance.

Prayer and meditation in Varanasi is conducted on the waterfront. Endless streams of people come to the great flights of steps leading to the river for prayer and ablution.

On the outskirts of Varanasi is Sarnath, a great centre of Buddhist pilgrimage. It was here that the Buddha preached his first sermon 2,500 years ago.

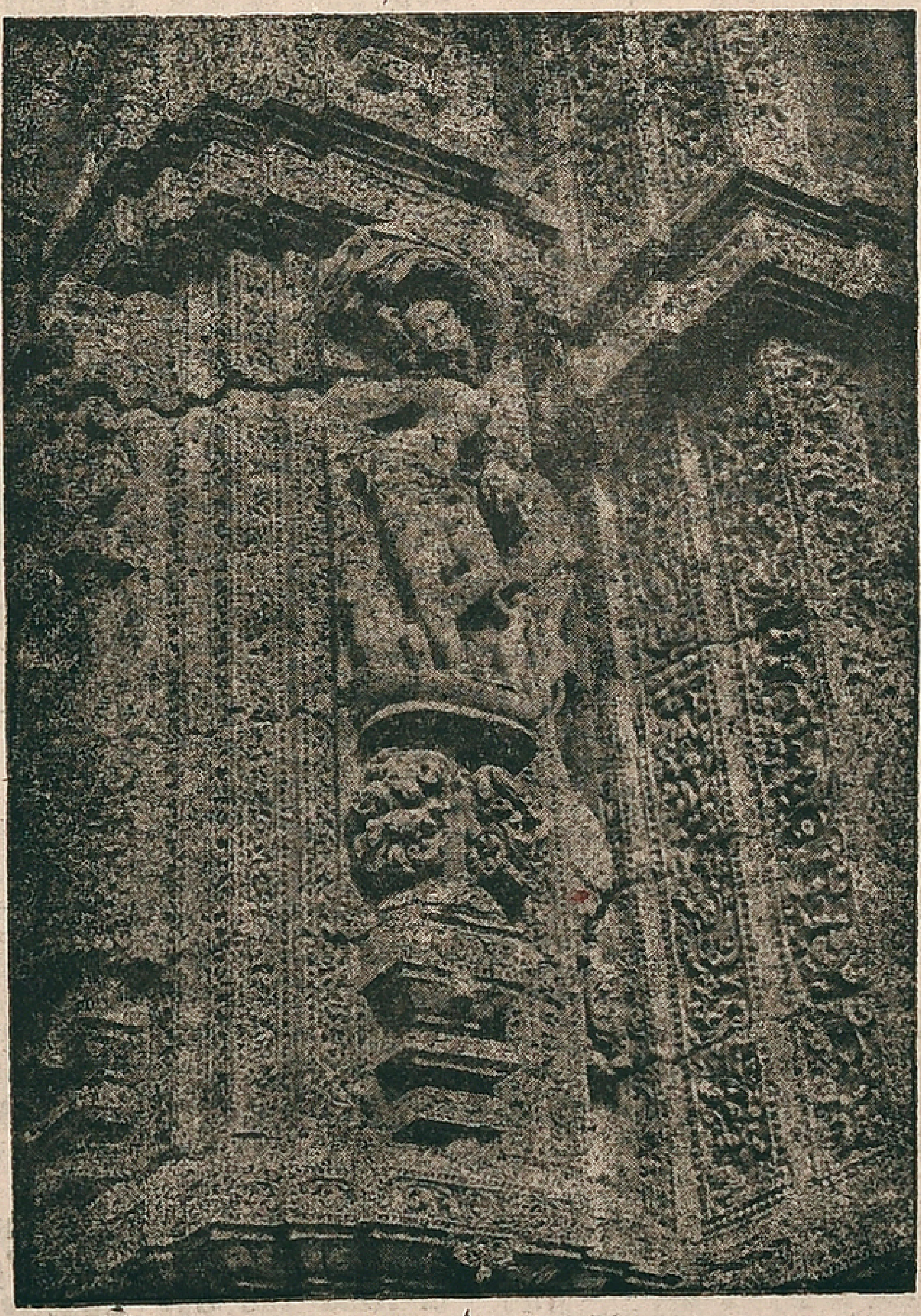
BOMBAY

The finest harbour on the west coast of India, Bombay is also the capital of Maharashtra State and is a blend of the east and the west. It is a modern industrial metropolis with giant business houses, a vast film industry, stock exchange and a busy port. Off the wide avenues sprawl colourful bazaars. Bombay has a lively seafront. Palms line the city's main promenade and from Malabar Hill, the view at night of Marine Drive is like a sparkling neck'ace worn by the sea. Ten km off Bombay, on a small island called Elephanta, are the famous 7th century cave temples containing magnificent sculpture.

AHMEDABAD

Fine buildings in the Indo-Saracenic style as well as impressive modern architecture. Nearby is the Sabarmati Ashram where Mahatma Gandhi lived. A Sound and Light (Son et Lumiere) spectacle is at the Ashram. The Sun Temple at Modhera is another attraction.

Near Ahmedabad are the excavated remains of Lothal, a harbour which flourished over 4000 years ago.



Kajuraho (Orissa)

AJANTA AND ELLORA

An hour's flight from Bombay is Aurangabad, the starting point of a journey to two of the world's most remarkable rock-cut temples—Ajanta and Ellora. These monasteries and shrines were hewn out of solid rock by generations of sculptors. A few of them date back 2000 years. The cave temples of Ajanta lie in a narrow gorge. The murals are on their inside walls of the temples. The Ellora caves which are Hindu, Buddhist and Jain in origin, contain sculpture. The Kailasa temple, regarded as the greatest monolithic structure in the world, combines immensity with grace.

GIR

A "balcony on the Arabian Sea", Gujarat is particularly noted for the Gir forest, the only home of the Asiatic lion.

GOA

About 600 km south of Bombay and connected by air, Goa is one of the most picturesque cities on the west coast. The Calangute Beach across the river from Panjim and the Colva Beach, 5 km from Margao, are among Goa's many beautiful beaches with dazzling white sands and palm groves.

Some noted monuments in Old Goa are the Basilica of Bom Jesus, the Convent of St. Francis Xavier and the Cathedral. The 40 year old Shri Mangesh Temple in Ponda, near Panjim is an old Hindu shrine. The great Carnival in Goa is celebrated for three days preceding Lent when King Memo is led ceremoniously into the city and installed as a benevolent Lord of Misrule.

PALITANA

Sacred to followers of the Jain faith, the Satrunjaya Hill near Palitana has, on its summit over 800 temples, some of which date back to the 11th century.

Mainly the State of Madhya Pradesh, central India is a world of hills, forests and fields. A

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FUN AND LAUGHTER

BARGAIN

The behaviour and habits of Agatha's little Pekinese, Toby, grew worse every day. Her husband at last decided it must go. "Darling," he said, "if you will agree to give up your Peki-nese I will give you the money for that fur coat you want".

Agatha agreed, but added. "This is only to please you".

The next day she announced: "Well, darling. I hope you'll be pleased—I've given up Toby."

"Here is your cheque, dear, and now tell me what you did with the little beast".

Slipping the cheque into her handbag, Agatha said, "I changed him for two cocker-spaniels".

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THE SILLY GAME

A four-year- old asked her mother why she must do as she was told. Her mother, rather bewildered as to what to reply, said.

"Well, when I was a little girl I had to do what my mother told me, and when grandmother was a little girl she had to do what her mother told her".

"Hmm," replied the child. "I wonder who started that silly game?"

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CORRECTION

The editor of a small town newspaper prided himself on the accuracy of his staff. One day the, phone rang and on the other end of the line was an irate man. "I've caught your paper in a mistake," he shouted. "You've printed that I'm dead".

"Humm," hissed the editor. Then he asked hopefully, "Where are you calling from now?"

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GOOD SIGN

A typist was on a month's probation, and towards the end of the trial period she announced to her friend; "I think Mr. Carter has decided to keep me!"

"Oh, has he said anything?" friend asked.

"No," she replied happily, "but this morning he bought me a dictionary!"

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HIS WORRY

An auditor got out of bed one morning and complained that he had not slept a wink.

"Why didn't count sheep?' asked his wife.

"I did, and that's what got me into trouble," answered the auditor. "I made a mistake during the first hour and it took me until I got up this morning to correct it".

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EXPLANATION

They were discussing various species of animal and insect life. "Now take the moth," said Haddock seriously, "he leads an awful life".

Fish turned a puzzled face. "I fail to see why you say that", he replied.

"Well," said Haddock, "the poor little thing spends the summer in a fur coat and the winter only in a bathing costume".

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SOUND TEST

A new pulpit having been erected, the minister and the verger tested the acoustics.

"Stand you well to the back and she how this sounds," said the minister repeating a text.

"Fine, meenister, fine!"

"Now you go up into the pulpit and say something".

The verger went up. "I havena had a rise o' pay for three years. Hoo does that sound, meenister?"

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THE SAME

A well-known R.A. noticed a drawing of a fish by a pavement artist and asked what sort of a fish it was supposed to be.

"A shark, sir," said the artist.

"But you've never seen a shark".

"That's true, but don't some of you Academy chaps paint angels?"

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MARKSMAN

"You know, soldier," said the sergeant to the new recruit, "your shooting reminds me of lightning".

"How's that, sarge?" asked the recruit innocently.

"Because it never strikes twice in the same place," was the answer.

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ABSENT-MINDED

"I forgot my umbrella this morning".

"How did you remember you forgot it?"

"Well, I missed it when I raised my hand to close it after it had stopped raining".

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SENT OUT

Johnnie was gazing at his one-day-old brother squealing in his cot

"Has he come from Heaven?" he inquired

"Yes, dear," said his mother.

"No wonder they put him out".

Tamil Nadu Cricket Lacks Direction

By P.N. SUNDARESAN

A BIG change has come over the Tamil Nadu cricket team since I last saw them in 1974-75 season, my final year with the *Hindu* as its cricket correspondent. On the day I saw them play against Hyderabad at Chepauk in the South Zone Ranji trophy league tie last month, they looked like having lost their moorings, which may be due to the absence of their captain Venkatraghavan, now doing duty with the Indian team in Australia. Venkat was a strong force in directing our State cricket, and Mukund, who acted in his place had a difficult job to handle the team, especially as he lacked the former's stature—at least for the present, he does lack.

With Venkat away, it would have been wise to have had at least the other senior, V.V. Kumar at the helm. Kumar's stature and his rich experience would have helped him to guide the team properly. This apart, it would have also been a fine gesture on the part of the TNCA to have requested him to lead a side which he had adorned so well for nearly two decades and, continue to lead it even after Venkat's return, in case the team entered the knock-out stage. When I asked Mr. Sriraman, TNCA secretary, a the day prior to his departure for Australia as second official of the Indian team, he said he had indicated his perference to Kumar for the captaincy job. But the selection committee threw all sentimental or other considerations to the wind to throw out Kumar. My immediate reaction was to feel sorry for the veteran leg-spinner for being handed out this absurd and unfair treatment. How I wished Kumar had announced his retirement from first class cricket at the end of last season itself instead of letting himself to be humiliated.

The Tamil Nadu team was knocked out of the knock-out stage of the Ranji trophy championship mainly because of its defeat at the hands of Karnataka earlier at Bangalore. But I would not consider the team as a poor one at all. Despite the fact that it does not possess a batsman of the calibre of A.G. Satwender Singh, whose consistency in the middle of the batting order, was of great strength, it has a bunch of talented batsmen in T.E. Srinivasan, V. Sivaramakrishnan, P. Ramesh, Antony Adams, K. Balaji, not to speak of useful as a medium-pace seam bowler, youngsters like Vasudevan, the left-arm spinner, are full of promise. In wicket-keeping they have a fine keeper in H. Sundaram, who was unfortunate in having his claims pushed out by Bharat Reddy, a couple of years ago. In my opinion Sundaram is a better keeper than Reddy.

What the team lacked during the season was proper direction. In fact much confusion and undermining of confidence was caused by shifting the batting order frequently while full use was not made of Kalyanasundaram's presence. If he deserved his place in the side it was only as the main seam bow'er and not a second ranker, in which case he should have been dropped in preference to a younger player.

A wag remarked if Mr. Sriraman had been present this confusion would not have come about! Which certainly provoked one to ask whether official interference did not give Mukund a free hand in captaining the side.

AS PER INSTRUCTIONS

Dr. Coue was visiting a patient. "How is he today?" he asked the nurse.

"Very ill, Doctor; he has a high fever".

"No, I have told you over and over again you must never say that, you should say he thinks he has a high fever".

The next day he called again. "Well?" asked Coue.

"No trouble this morning Doctor,' replied the nurse. "He has not stirried. He thinks he's dead."

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TOO LONG!

The office worker arrived late at the office—one hour late—and he made a sorry appearance. He was dirty, torn and bleeding. "I fell out of a window," he explained to his employer."

"Fell out of a window!" exclaimed the boss, nastily. "And that took an hour?"

THINGS TO COME

Vacationing at a shore resort, the editor of a rural newspaper smiled when a bathing beauty walked by.

"George," said his observant wife reproachfully, "were you smiling at that young lady?"

"Not exactly," he replied, "I was wondering how long it would be before someone reads a want-ad: 'Lost—gold locket containing lady's bathing suit!'".

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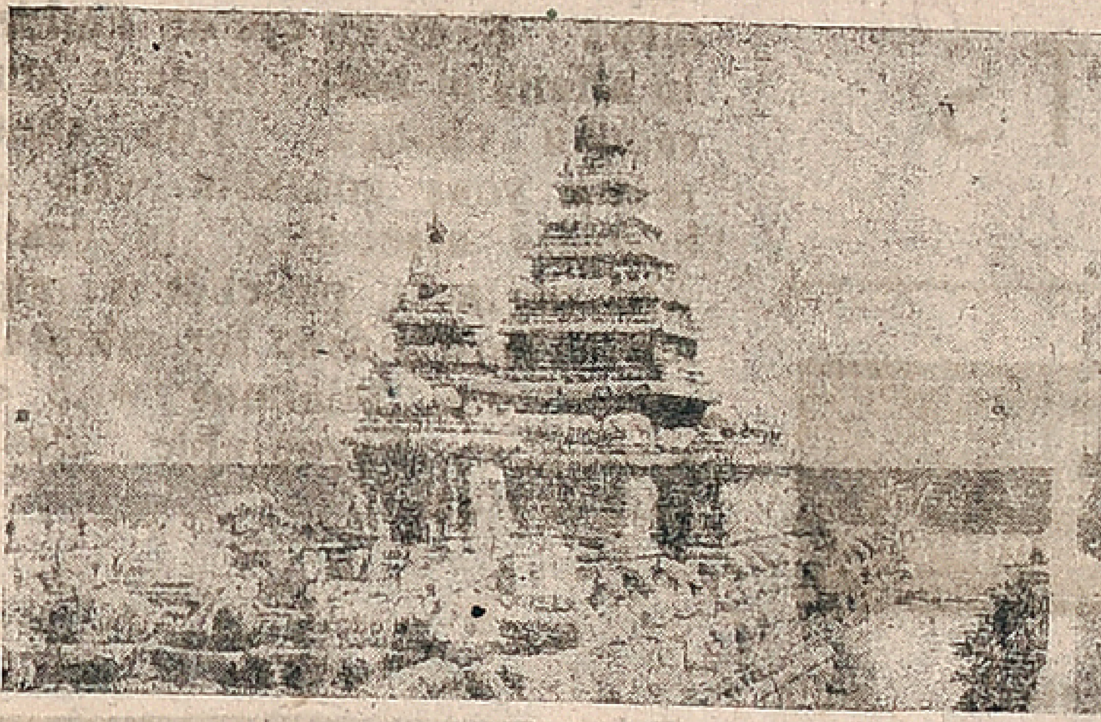
NAILING LIE

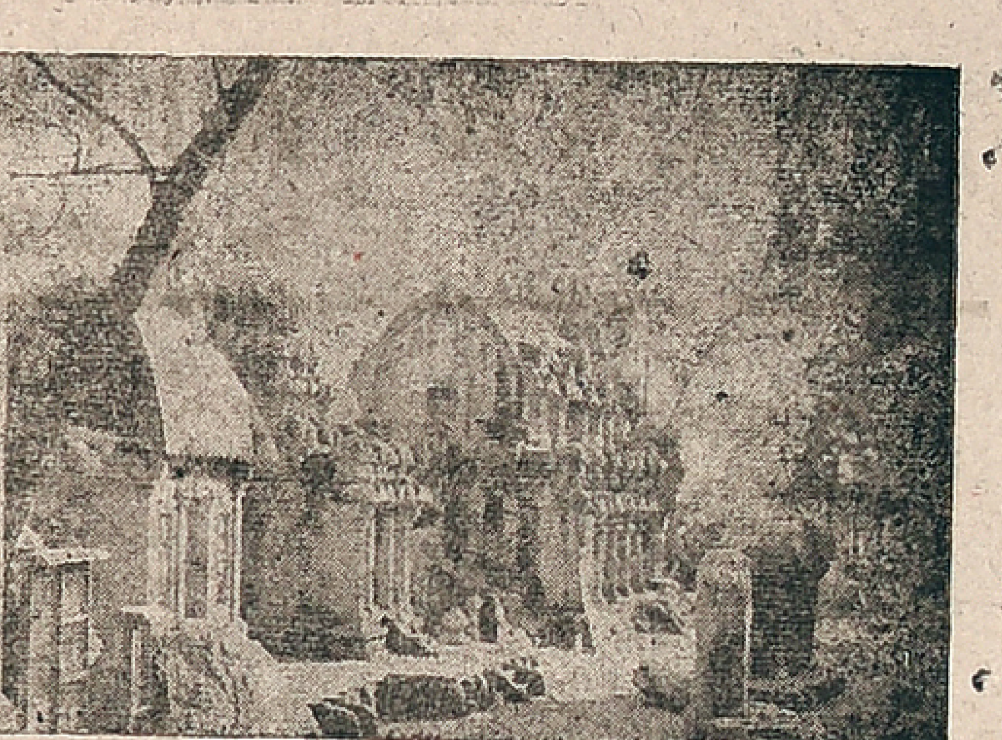
An irate wife, seeking a divorce, told the judge, "My husband is an out-and-out loafer who thinks of nothing day and night but horse racing. He doesn't even remember our wedding day".

"That's a lie," shouted the outraged husband. "We were married the day Twenty Grand won the Wood Memorial!"



Mahabalipuram Shore Temple

Tiger Rock - Cave Temple



The Stone Rathas

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Places of Tourist...

turbulent history has left an indelible impression. Its new capital Bhopal, is a fast growing city,

KHAJURAHO

Over 400 km south-east of Delhi (a quick flight) are the 10th and 11th century carved temples of Khajuraho, which recreate in stone celestial and terrestrial love.

MANDU

About 100 km from Indore is this ancient 'City of Joy'. Riding on the crest of the Vindhya hills, it has an excellent climate and is a delightful place for a restful stay.

SANCHI

Forty five km from Bhopal is the site of extensive Buddhist remains. Sanchi is famous for its stupas (about 150-100 B C) huge semi-circular structures, surrounded by profusely carved gateways and railings.

CALCUTTA

The hub of eastern India, Calcutta is a bustling, crowded and intensely vital city. A great centre of art, letters and industry, it is the capital of West Bengal. India's largest metropolis, it has many hotels and fine restaurants.

BHUBANESWAR, PURI, KONARAK

The temples here stand unrivalled for the beauty of their carving. The Hindu god Jaganath is worshipped in the temple at Puri, 63 km from Bhubaneswar. This idol is taken out annually in procession on a giant wooden chariot which resembles the structure of a temple. 'Juggernaut' is derived from this ritual.

Bhubaneswar, the capital of Orissa, is an ancient cathedral city, with over a hundred medieval temples. Another architectural masterpiece in Orissa is the 13th century Sun Temple at Konarak, 85 km from Puri. Built as a chariot with 12 pairs of wheels, this temple has some marvellous carving.

BODHGAYA

Adjoining West Bengal is the State of Bihar, known for its great Buddhist monuments. Bodhgaya is a living reminder of the Buddha's penance for enlightenment. The tree, under which he meditated is a hallowed spot, marked by an imposing temple.

Not far from Bodhgaya is Nalanda with excavated ruins of the 5th century Buddhist university

DARJEELING

One of the most beautiful hill resorts in India commanding a fine view of Mount Everest and Kanchenjunga, the majestic Himalayan massif, Darjeeling is a summer resort. It is 740 km from Calcutta and is the home of fine Darjeeling tea.

SHANTINIKETAN

Poet and Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore's unique experiment in education, Shantiniketan is 213 km from Calcutta. Started as a small school it is today a university and a centre for education in the arts.

SHILLONG

At the north eastern tip of India is the State of Assam: its capital Shillong, is on an elevation and the hill tribes, with their colourful costumes and festivals add charm to its tropical scenery. Accessible by air from Calcutta to Gauhati and thence by road.

In South India, the Hindu way of life has flowed almost undisturbed for over 2000 years, thus preserving a continuous tradition of dance, music, art and architecture.

An impressive aspect of south India's ancient culture is its great temples. Comparable in many respects to the religious and artistic fervour that created the great medieval cathedrals of Europe, these temples are the living symbols of a great period of building activity that lasted from 600 to 1600 A.D.

The south has a great deal to offer. Nature is luxuriant and beautiful in the State of Kerala on the west coast; in Tamil the Nilgiri Hills have rolling downs and meadows. Mysore State has the mighty Jog Falls, set in the midst of luxuriant tropical forests.

MADRAS

Madras city can be the starting point of an odyssey of discovery. About 60 km away is Mahabalipuram (Mamallapuram) known for its rock-cut 7th century monolithic shrines, its beautiful Shore Temple and lovely beach An interesting excursion covers Mahabalipuram and Kanchipuram an ancient temple town.

ALLEPPEY

The coir town of Kerala. Colourful wharf markets and many quiet waterways.

BANGALORE

A green and pleasant city: cosmopolitan yet gracious. Nearly 1000 metres above sea level, Bangalore has a mild climate.

The city has a fine golf course and an excellent race course as well. A place to attend concerts by renowned musicians.

BELUR, HALEBID, SRAVANABELAGOLA

The exquisitely carved temples at Belur and Halebid are over eight hundred years old. Nearby at Sravanabelagola is the monolithic colossus of Gomateswara, a jain saint.

HYDERABAD

The capital of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has a distinctive Mughal tradition. It has a rich heritage of mosques, palaces and temples. The fertile river valley of the state has cradled powerful kingdoms in the past.

MYSORE

Mysore, like Bangalore, is a leisurely city. The Chamundi hill crested with temples and a monolithic sacred Nandi bull stands like a guardian over the city. Mysore is resplendent in October when the Dussehra festival is celebrated. Ten days of celebration with fireworks, illuminations and processions of cavalry and richly caparisoned elephants. Nearby are the island fortress of Srirangapatna and the Brindavan gardens.

NAGARJUNASAGAR

Over 100 km from Hyderabad, this mighty irrigation and multi-purpose dam across the river Krishna is located on the site of the 2000 years old Buddhist ruins of Nagarjunakonda, now preserved in a fine Island Museum in the midst of the reservoir.

TIRUCHIRAPALLI, THANJAVUR, MADURAI

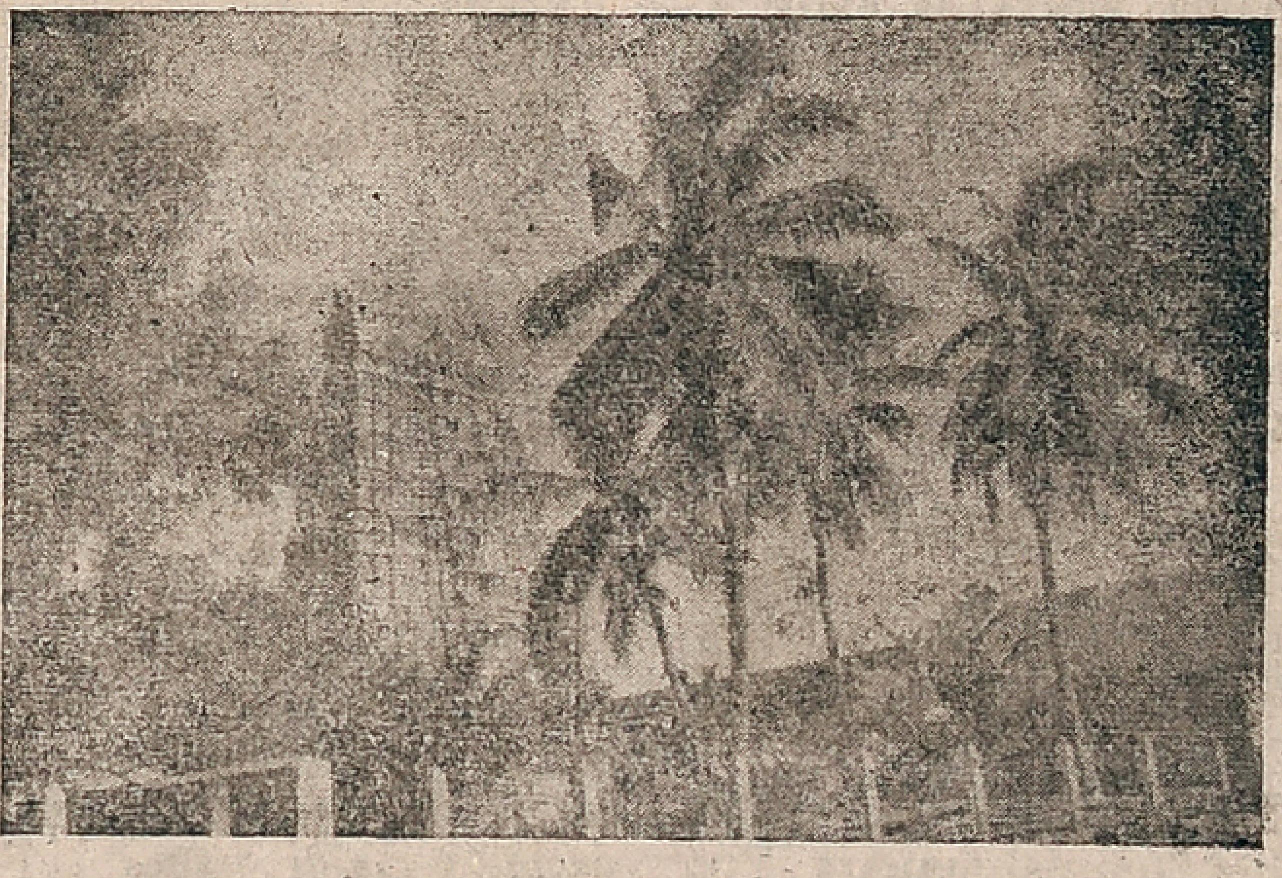
Further south is the charming town of Tiruchirapalli whose landmark is a temple built on a rock, rising abruptly to over 66 metres. Eight km from Tiruchiras palli is the island of Srirangam, which contains one of south India's biggest temples surrounded by seven walls. The temple and its precincts actually form a township. About 350 km south of Madras, or 50 km east of Tiruchi, is Thanjavur, well-known for its great 11th century Siva temple. The spire of the temple, considered a masterpiece of workmanship, rises to 58 metres.

Perhaps even better known is the great Meenakshi temple at Madurai, 552 km south of Madras. The highest of the temple's ten towers is 46 metres. The temple has a hall of a thousand pillars and some of its life-size sculptures are marvels of artistic skill.

KERALA

From Madurai to Kerala—the land of lagoons, hills, forests and coconut groves—is an hour's flight. Cochin has shimmering backwaters, ancient palaces and churches. Trivandrum, the state's capital is within easy reach of Kovalam, a new beach resort, and Periyar, among the most picturesque of India's wildlife sanctuaries.

All along the coast of south India are long stretches of warm sands, shaded by groves of casuarinas and stately palms. But perhaps the most dramatic is Kanyakumari, the tip of India, washed by three seas. Here stands the Vivekananda Rock Temple, a silent sentinel surveying the vast expanse of water.



Rameswaram Temple

PLAN WITH THE PLANETS

For The Week 15th January To 21st January 1978

MESHA (ARIES)
Aswini Bharani
Krittika 1/4

THE whole week will be progressive. You should continue your efforts. You will be able to reap the benefits in the near future. Financial position will be satisfactory. Minor speculative gains are also indicated. Family atmosphere will be cloudy. Avoid arguments. Health will be well maintained. You may be undertaking a journey shortly. Favourable days: 18th & 19th.

VRISHABA (TAURUS)
Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

MOST of the week will be ordinary. You should wait for some more time to implement your plans. Finance is fairly satisfactory. But avoid speculative investments. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. Family members will be cooperative. Avoid long distance journeys unless necessary. Health requires attention. Favourable days: 20th & 21st.

MITHUNA (GEMINI)
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Ardra
Punarvasu 3/4

THIS week shows mixed results. You will be able to develop new business contacts. But you cannot expect quick results. You will be able to get their cooperation and support from them in the near future. Finance will be satisfactory. You should avoid unnecessary expenses. Family atmosphere will be pleasant. Short journeys are indicated. Favaurable days: 17th & 18th.

KATAKA (CANCER)
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

THE first part of the week will be favourable than the second half. You should try to complete all pending works as early as possible. Finance will be satisfactory. But avoid unnecessary expenses. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Short journeys are indicated. Favaurable days: 19th & 20th.

SIMHA (LEO)
Maka Purva Palguni
Uttara Palguni 1/4

THIS week will be favourable to finalise financial matters. You will be able to make a permanent arrangement for additional income. Investments made in real estate will yield better results. Family atmosphere will be pleasant. Children's progress will give you much pleasure. Health will be well maintained. Avoid long distance journeys. Favourable days: 16th & 17th.

KANYA (VIRGO)
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

MOST of the week shows favourable trend. You should try to make best use of this opportunity to improve your position. Financial position will be satisfactory. Speculative gains are also indicated. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to Children could be finalised favourably. Health requires attention. Avoid long distance journeys unless necessary. Favourable days: 17th & 18th.

THULA (LIBRA)
Chitra 1/2 Swathi
Visakha 3/4

THIS week opens with emphasis on monetary matters. You should try to find a new source of income. Speculative gains are also indicated. Property matters could be finalised favourably. Religious function is indicated in the family. You may also plan to go on a pilgrimage with your family. Favourable days: 15th & 16th.

VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

THIS week shows favourable trends. You will be able to start a new venture. Partnership matters could be finalised favourably. You can also expect much encouragement and support from your family members. Change of place is indicated for some. Health will be well maintained. Short journeys are indicated. Favourable days: 17th & 18th.

DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)
Mula Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

MOST of the week shows ordinary results. You should wait for some more time to implement your plans. Avoid legal complications in solving property matters. No major change in office is seen. You should continue your efforts. You cannot expect quick returns. But you will be able to reap the benefits in a couple of months. Avoid impulsive actions while deciding major issues. Favourable days: 17th & 18th.

MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana Dhanistha 1/2

THIS week starts well. Professional prospects will improve from the middle of the week. There is scope for financial improvement. Family happiness is assured. Religious function is indicated in the family. You should try to cultivate new friendships. But your dealings with relatives call for vigilance. Health will be well maintained. Short journeys are indicated. Favourable days: 16th & 17th.

KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)
Dhanishta 1/2 Sathabhishag
Purva Badrapada 3/4

THERE is speculative attraction this week. There is some improvement in family environment. Keep an eye on children. In affairs of heart, there is some sudden change. You should renew your contacts with old business associates. In dealing with partners, patience is required. There is need for maintaining cordial relations with co-workers. Favourable days: 18th & 19th.

MEENA (PISCES)
Purva Badrapada 1/4
Uttara Badrapada Revati

THIS week starts well. Mental activity will increase. Emotions need control. There are no major changes in office. But you should continue your efforts to get proper recognition and reward. Financial position will be satisfactory. Speculative investments in real estate will yield good results. Partnership matters require attention. Short journeys are indicated. Favourable days: 19th & 20th.

Muscovite's Diary

IVAN IVANOV

EDUCATION-TOP PRIORITY

IT is a pleasant sight to watch the children going to school in colourful dresses in the streets of Moscow early morning in bright sunlight. One can see the beaming faces of the school boys and girls who take the same interest in going to school as in going to picnics. This is due to the system of education which created interest in the school for children. The Soviet Government gives utmost importance to education and devotes special attention.

Recently CPSU Central Committee and the USSR Council of Ministers have passed a resolution "On further improvement of instruction and education of the pupils of general educational schools and preparing them for work".

The USSR made great strides in the area of education. The accomplishment of the transition to universal compulsory secondary education is an outstanding achievement of the socialist social system. New manuals and instructional aids have been brought into being over the past ten years. The participation of school-children in socially useful and productive work grows. New school buildings for 16 million schoolchildren have been built. More than two million young teachers have been trained over these years.

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GREETINGS FROM COSMONAUTS

SOVIET cosmonauts Yuri Romanenko and Georgi Grechko had an opportunity to see the New Year fifteen times. They also got a chance to travel into the past fourteen times during the New Year night-from 1978 back into 1977.

In a matter of 24 hours, the Salyut-6 outer space station makes almost 16 orbits around the earth, and almost sixteen times the cosmonauts fly in turn over such areas of the earth, where the New Year has already started or it is still December 31.

Romanenko and Grechko saw the New Year in for the first time on the station's 1474th Orbit. It happened at 16 hours 13 minutes (Moscow Time) on December 31, when they were flying over Kamchatka. Shortly before that a press-conference was held with the crew of the Salyut-6 through the outer space radio bridge.

"Our New Year toast is to those who are on their work duty—on earth, in the skies, at sea, for those who are on their way", said Grechko.

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CENTENARIANS

"LET the Year 1978 be peaceful throughout the globe". This is the wish expressed by Mejid Ageyev, 142, a peasant, the oldest person in the Soviet Union when I met him. He lives in Azerbaijan's village of Tikyaband, in the Caucasus mountains.

The small village with only 50 houses marked the New Year by two major events. Mejid Agayev has two great-great-grandsons. His cousin Agabani Shirvanzava marked her 110th birthday. She is the most hale and hearty of the nine centenarians in the village.

Shridhar, J. P. Leuois, Maj Gen. Maqbool of Sudan, A. Jayatilaka and T. M. Ramachandran at the symposium on Film Marketing at the South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce.

Members of the USSR delegation to the Filmotsav '78.

OF MEN AND MATTERS

HEROES UNWEPT

HISTORY really means "His Story" implying God's own work. But we, mortals that we are, have often chosen to distort facts to suit our times. It is no surprise therefore, if during the British occupation of India, Indian history was written to bolster up the doings of the imperialists.

In our present time, as a free nation, there should be no barriers to the recording of historical facts for the assimilation of the future generations. The Indian History Congress, which met recently at Bhubaneswar, has, therefore, resolved rightly by cautioning the powers that be to desist from influencing Indian writers of history to toe a particular line or to yield to pressures from outside in suppersslng the truth.

The freedom of historians belonging to different schools and adopting different viewpoints to survey the profusely rich and complex historical past of India is too precious a right to be surrendered to the whims or displeasures of any regime—past or present.

The History Congress has unanimously expressed its protest against the attack by certain interested sections on four history texbooks approved for use in Indian schools. The main features of the sneak attack are plain obscurantism.

What has been asserted by the Congress is the freedom of historians to conduct their researches as social scientists—freedom to strike out fresh paths by selecting from or combining various disciplines and techniques of historical investigation to arrive at reality. *—DEEVEE.*

DERBY PROSPECTS:

Tyrrell's Charges Will Hold Sway In South India Derby

WE GO to press without the left-ins in hand, but even with this disadvantage, SNAPPER cannot see the verdict going to any of the other runners beyond Grand Parade and Fox Bat, barring of course, some mishap.

D. Thompson's prospect, Ivanjica is no doubt being trimmed up for the fray, yet Fox Bat has improved so well and is in such robust form that she has an edge over all her rivals including her own stablemate, Grand Parade.

The outsider may emerge from Urvashi if she accepts and receives full assistance from the saddle.

The first and second legs of last Sunday races went to two lowly-weighted outsiders. Nalini with Yusuf up in the Trades Cup over 1,800M emerged the winner beating in the process such good gallopers like Astro Turf and Mount Unique who were the joint favourites. As if that was not enough, in the second leg of the jackpot, Hypnotique (Pyaru up) which was not even found among the tipsters' tally managed to stride out as a convincing winner and what was strange, it was a course favourite in a field of 12 horses among whom King's Melody, Sporting Sam and Dearest were selected to figure on the board. But this was not to be. Roman Love and Lycopodium finished second and third respectively to shock the punters.

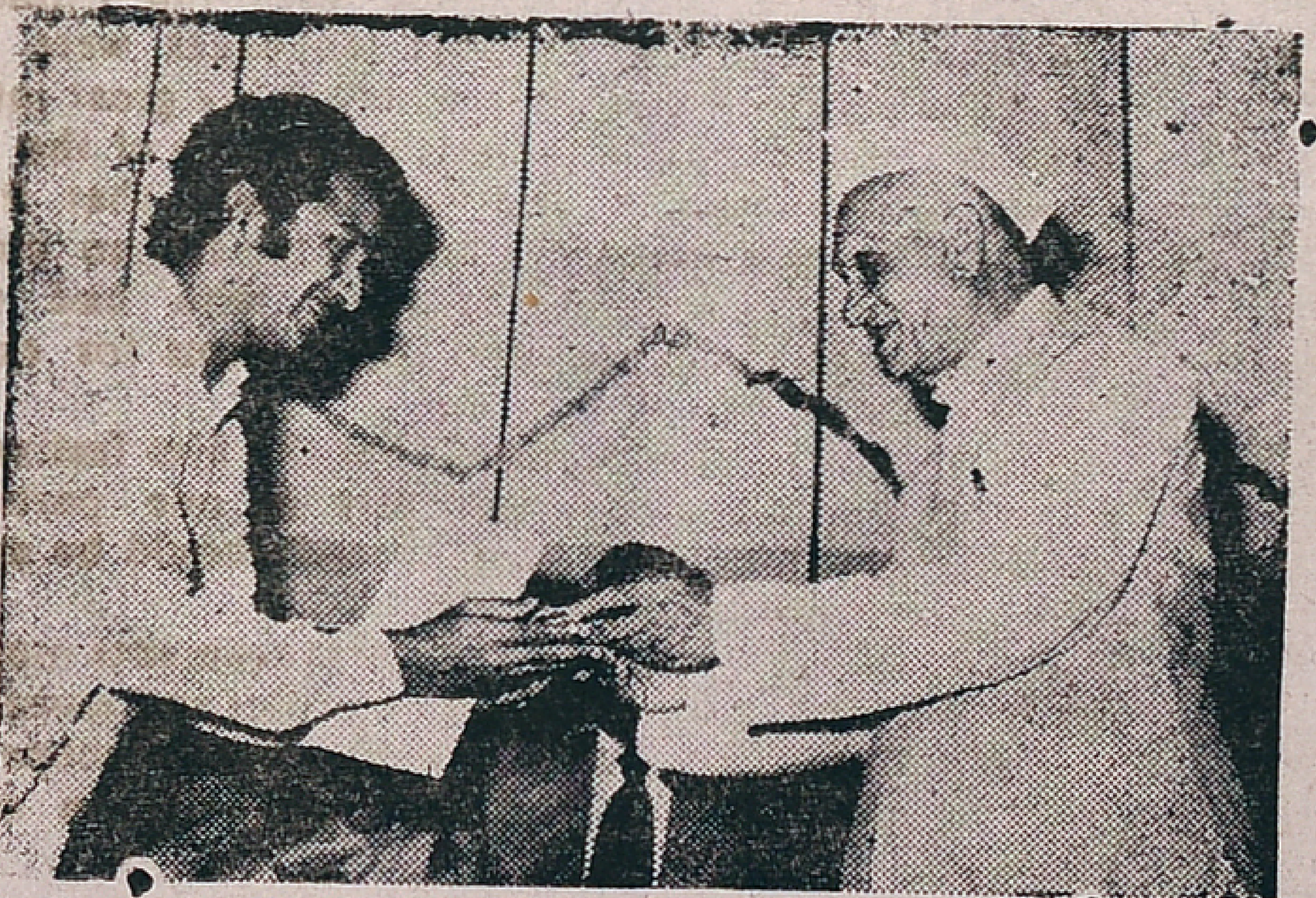
In the last leg of the jackpot, Sharmilla (Thirumurthy up) upset the pool by winning from start to finish. Dawn of Hope which was expected to annex this race, the Raghava Varma Cup of over 1,600M ran disappointingly.

Snapper's Selections

I	Mohini	1
	Cap O'Dimonte	2
II	Solar Ray	1
	Stilletto	2
III	Grande Marque	1
	Boeing Boeing	2
IV	Grand Parade	1
	Fox Bat	2
V	Orrefors	1
	Soldier Blue	2
VI	Chronicle	1
	Glad News	2
VII	Khublei Khan	1
	Tic Tac Toe	2

Best Bet.

Grande Marque.



Dhananjayan couple, well known dancers, were honoured at the All India Physiology and Pharmacology Doctors' Annual Conference at Madras recently. Mr. Prabhudas Patwari, Governor of Tamilnadu, presented the Dhananjayans with a gold medal in recognition of the merits of the artistes.

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FILMOTSOV '78

A scene from the U. K. film "Voyage of the Damned" directed by Stuart Rosenberg.

Director Southel Ben Barka of Morocco is seen with Director of Filmotsav V. S. Katara at his press conference.

Children's Film Society of India's Chairman Kamni Kaushal is seen greeting Aina Bellis of the Swedish Film Institute.

A section of the delegates at Filmotsav '78 inaugural function.

London Festival of Indian Regional Films

FOR the first time, Indian films produced in their regional languages are to be exhibiled this year in the London Film Festival.

According to Mr. Ken Wlaschin, Director of the London Film Festival and the British Film Institute who is in Madras in connection with the Filmotsov '78, films in the Indian regional languages were of a very high standard and these would spark great interest abroad. Appreciating the selective value of the films exhibited in the current festival, he said that it has helped to bring together the best in the Indian cinema and has served as a pointer to those who had come from overseas to choose good Indian films for exhibition abroad.

Mr. Wlaschin has suggested that the film festivals in India should be held peramanently in one particular place to earn internationalrepute and should be manned by a specialised directorate.

It was his view that adequate arrangements must be made to enable more foreign film critics and journalists to come to India so as to provide better scope for Indian films to receive sufficient publicity in other countries.

Some of the foreign delegates are seen having a chat with filmstar Raja Sulochana at the dinner hosted by the South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce.

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